

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 1, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Edward Zimmerman at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the Flag. A moment of silence was observed in memory of resident and former Borough Constable Bob Crowe.

**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The following statement was read into the record by Mayor Zimmerman: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 6, 2010. Notice has been posted accordingly and a copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. James Banks-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Ms. Linda Goldman-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Mr. Robert Steen-present

Also present: Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Borough Engineer William Tanner, Deputy Clerk Raymond Whitlock

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Mayor Zimmerman provided information on the memorial service for Bob Crowe scheduled for March 6, 2010;
- Mayor Zimmerman related information received at the Mayor's Legislative Day in Trenton this past Wednesday regarding the Governor's position on cutting State aid, Executive Orders that have been issued to date and information relative to health insurance and pension reform.

**Appointments:**

**Somerset County Community Development Committee** – appointment held over.

**Somerset County Solid Waste Advisory Committee – (2) reappointments** – Mayor Zimmerman recommended the appointment of William Hallman to fill one of the vacancies on this Committee. Motion was made by Steen with a second by Goldman confirming the appointment set forth. Motion carried on voice vote – all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2010** – Motion was made by Goldman with a second by Steen for the approval of the minutes contingent upon correction of minor typographical error and the following correction: Page 2 – Committee Reports – Administration and Records – correction to “RSS feed “. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes; Steen-abstain.

**Executive Session Minutes – February 17, 2010** – Motion was made by Hasser with a second by Goldman for the approval of the minutes as presented. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes; Steen-abstain.

**REQUEST OF COUNCIL FOR NEW OR OLD BUSINESS (NOT ON AGENDA)**

Council member Donahue advised that the Rocky Hill Cooperative Nursery School will be installing automatic towel dispensers, and they will be funding the project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

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**STATE POLICE REPORT** – None received at this time.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Report dated February 2010 for March 2010 from Engineer Tanner was received and distributed (copy on file in Borough Clerk's Office). The following issues were discussed:

Van Horne Park – Engineer Tanner advised that numerous attempts have been made to set up a Van Horne Park Committee to no avail. Suggestion was made to schedule a meeting with the Borough representatives and Montgomery Recreation Director Karen Zimmerman who can then relate the outcome of the meeting to the other Montgomery members who are unable to attend. Engineer Tanner will attempt to schedule a meeting during the week of 3/15/10.

Montgomery Ave. Resurfacing – Field work to commence now that the roadway is cleared of snow.

Water Tower Cell Antennas – The contractor will begin working on the installation this week.

County Recreational Grant – A meeting of the Panicaro Park Committee was held. Engineer Tanner is doing research on a fiberglass flag pole and the lighting to be installed. Borough Planner Tamara Lee has developed three concept plans for further review and consideration. Engineer Tanner will provide a copy of the proposals to Mayor and Council.

Tax Maps – Approval is still pending; Mayor Zimmerman will attempt to make contact with the Division of Taxation to ascertain the status of the approval.

Waste Removal – Bid opening is scheduled for 3/10/10.

Sewer Meter- Quote was received to install a temporary meter in a manhole to measure flows from the Princeton Ave. area. Request was made for authorization to install the meter at an approximate cost of \$7900.00. The meter will be installed at Grove Street initially and then be moved to Hickory Ct. Motion was made by Goldman with a second by Banks for the expenditure of funds (not to exceed \$10,000.00) from the water/sewer fund contingent upon certification of funds from CFO Monzo. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

2010 Sidewalk Contract – areas to be addressed to be determined after finalization of the 2010 budget.

Somerset County Energy Program – Mayor Zimmerman related information on a program being offered through Somerset County wherein they will be offering solar panel installations on municipal buildings at no cost to the municipality. Engineer Tanner was requested to provide an inventory of the Borough buildings that could be considered for this program to include the Borough Hall, Fire Department, and Water Tower. Although it is not Borough property, the Mary Jacobs Library will be added to the list at their request.

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions of the Engineer:

Cliff Moore, Skillman Ave. – Mr. Moore reiterated information acquired regarding the manufacturing of defective plastic, water main pipes and his concern as to whether this problem is relevant to the recent water main breaks experienced in the Borough. Engineer Tanner advised that this was not the case with the issues experienced in the Borough whereas one of the problems was caused by a utility company pulling service out and the other issue pertained to a pipe which is believed to be comprised of cast iron.

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### **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

Budget Trial Balances as of 3/1/2010 were received from CFO Monzo and distributed. Motion was made by Pausch with a second by Banks for acceptance of the reports. Motion carried on voice vote – all ayes.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS TO BE PAID**

Motion was made by Pausch with a second by Hasser for approval of the bill list dated 3/1/10 with the exception of check #5915 (payable to Council member Donahue). Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes. Motion was made by Banks with a second by Steen for the approval of check #5915. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes; Donahue-abstain.

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

None presented at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None presented at this time.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications as listed were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly. Additional correspondence was received as follows:

- Notice of Somerset County Historic Preservation and History Awards Applications (c: Planning Board);
- Notice of Public Comment Period – Clean Water Financing Program State Revolving Fund

### **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cliff Moore, Skillman Ave. – Attorney Cruz provided clarification on the property tax notice recently sent to taxpayers regarding the appeal process with the State Tax Court in response to questioning by Mr. Moore.

Hearing no other comments/questions, the floor was closed.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM was made by Hasser with a second by Goldman. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna M. Griffiths, RMC  
Borough Clerk